

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

August 19, 2014

(Rescheduled from August 18, 2014)

7:00 p.m.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following members were present: Elizabeth Connor, Patricia Doyle, Ann Hall, William Padien, and Christopher Willi. Robert Hicks was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion (Padien, Doyle) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 28, 2014, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

Reports

An updated, unaudited standing of accounts as of June 30, 2014, was submitted for School Committee review. It was noted that the bill for legal services was received today. A motion (Padien, Connor) to approve the standing of accounts as of June 30, 2014 (unaudited) as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Hicks submitted a memo with updates on the summer projects that included the following:

- The lift replacement project is complete and scheduled for inspection on August 21. Since our construction application was approved by RIDE prior to the completion of the project it can be submitted for reimbursement.
- A representative from the service company for the dust collector indicated that it appears the required maintenance has never been done. The dust collector will require extensive repair and an estimate (approximately \$8,000) was received today. However, once it is repaired, and maintained on a regular basis, the noise problem should go away.
- The company hired to perform the wireless installation was here today. They will take day trips until the installation is complete, which should be prior to the start of school. The cost to expand the wireless areas to “non-instructional” areas of the building will be \$10,007.80.
- A representative from Hareld Glass recommended the replacement of the door mechanism instead of replacing the entire front door. The parts for this have been ordered.
- Trane reviewed the situation (no heat) in the computer server room and ceramics room. Their proposal to install a unit ventilator in the ceramics room and a dual unit (heat and AC) in the server room will cost \$27,400. This is will have to go out to bid.

Old Business

A motion (Padien, Connor) to approve Policy EBC: Negative Balance Procedures for the School Lunch Program carried with a vote of 5-0.

New Business

As mentioned earlier in the meeting, the proposal from e-plus technology to expand the wireless project to include all non-instructional spaces in the building will cost \$10,007.80. This includes five access points plus licensing, wiring, and installation. Our gymnasium, cafeteria and offices will be included in the wireless system. If funds are not available in the technology line we can use REAP funds to cover the cost. A motion (Padien, Connor) to approve the expansion of the wireless project into the non-instructional areas in the building at a cost of \$10,007.80 carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Connor) to accept the resignation of Joshua Weisz-Smith from his position as Spanish teacher carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Hicks recommended the appointment of Frank Tito as computer technician for 77 days this year at \$300 per day. Mr. Tito has an Associates Degree from Thames Valley State Technical College in computer science and is currently the director of technology at the Pennfield School in Portsmouth, RI, which is also a part-time position. With him holding both positions this will require a change in the structure of our position as he will work here 2-days per week, and utilize the housing for part-time personnel. This is a trial to see if it is functional for both parties. He will work along with Hank Woodward through September and October to make an effective transition. With the new server it is hoped there will be fewer break downs. A motion (Hall, Connor) to consent to the appointment of Frank Tito as the computer technician carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Hicks reported that the last of the interviews for the Spanish position took place this afternoon and recommended the appointment of Maura Cousins. A motion (Padien, Connor) to consent to the appointment Maura Cousins as the Spanish teacher carried with a vote of 5-0.

Calendar of Events

The Back to School Breakfast is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27 at the 1661 Inn. The next regular School Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Connor) at 7:46 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: September 15, 2014